

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination in view of the following remarks.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 17-18, 21-23, 34, and 35 will be pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-16 and 24-33, which stand withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a nonelected invention, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 19 has also been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

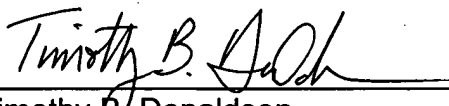
Applicants respectfully request that this Supplemental Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 17-18, 21-23, 34, and 35 in condition for allowance, or in better form for appeal, should the Examiner continue to dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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